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SUBJECT: POLISH PLANS FOR FISHING PACIFIC OFF NORTHWEST COAST

REF: (A) TRAMPCZYNSKI-BRITTIN MEMCON OF 3/21/74;

(B) STATE 114560

1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WARSAW, POLAND IS STILL EXPECTED TO SEND SIX FACTORY TRAWLERS THIS SUMMER TO FISH IN PACIFIC OFF CANADIAN NORTHWEST COAST. AS RESULT OF RECENT CANADIAN DEMARCHE, POLES PLAN TO DEFER ARRIVAL OF TRAWLERS UNTIL ABOUT MID-JULY. GUIDANCE REQUESTED FROM DEPARTMENT ON QUESTION RAISED BY CANADIAN EMBASSY REGARDING PROPOSED COORDINATION OF POSITIONS OF US AND CANADA TOWARD POLISH FISHERY PLANS IN PACIFIC. END SUMMARY.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS BRIEFED US AS FOLLOWS ON RECENT CANADIAN-POLISH DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING INTEREST OF POLAND IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISHING IN NORTHEAST PACIFIC.

(A) POLES TOLD CANADIANS IN SIDE TALKS DURING OCTOBER 1973 ICNAF SESSION AT OTTAWA THAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO BEGIN FISHING OPERATIONS OFF CANADIAN WEST COAST. CANADIANS RESPONDED FIRST WITH REQUEST THAT POLES NOT FISH FOR HERRING AND THEN WITH OVERALL REQUEST THAT POLES DEFER ACTION UNTIL AFTER LOS CONFERENCE. POLES SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED NOT TO FISH FOR HERRING, BUT GAVE NO COMMITMENTS CONCERNING FISHING EFFORT IN GENERAL.

(B) IN EARLY MAY OF THIS YEAR, CANADIANS LEARNED FROM POLES THAT THEY WERE SENDING SIX FACTORY SHIPS TO FISH OFF WESTERN COAST OF CANADA. IN RESPONSE, CANADIANS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS URGED POLES TO RECONSIDER, AND CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT THEN ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT ASSERTING THAT A POLISH DECISION TO INCREASE FISHING EFFORT OFF WESTERN COAST WOULD BE NOTHING LESS THAN CATASTROPHIC, ESPECIALLY ON EVE OF LOS CONFERENCE.

(C) LAST WEEK, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR SAW POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND REQUESTED THAT POLES TAKE STEPS SO THAT POLISH WEST COAST FISHING ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT BECOME A CANADIAN ELECTION ISSUE. AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT CANADA WOULD NOT BE READY TO DISCUSS PACIFIC FISHERY QUESTIONS WITH POLAND UNTIL AFTER LOS CONFERENCE. POLES RESPONDED WITH PROMISE TO DEFER ARRIVAL OF TRAWLERS UNTIL ABOUT MID-JULY, AND REQUESTED INITIATION OF TALKS ASAP ON GENERAL QUESTION OF FISHING IN NORTHEAST PACIFIC.

3. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBASSY, NOTHING THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD RECENTLY BY POLES WOULD INDICATE THAT POLAND PLANS TO SEND FEWER THAN SIX SHIPS. CANADIANS ALSO NOTED TO US THAT THEY HAVE BEEN AWARE POLISH VESSEL "HUMBACK" HAS BEEN OPERATING IN AREA FOR SOME TIME.

4. CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD ATTEMPTED TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A COORDINATED US-CANADIAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS POLAND ON QUESTION OF FISHING OFF NORTHWEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAOST SINCE OUR INTERESTS SEEMED TO COINCIDE. HOWEVER, CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER SAID, ALTHOUGH THE US WAS UNDERSTOOD ALSO TO WANT TO DEFER ANY TALKS WITH THE POLES UNTIL AFTER THE LOS CONFERENCE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CANADIAN OVERTURE WAS "MUFFLED" AND UNENTHUSIASTIC. HE ALSO SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF THE US PLAN TO SEND EXPERT LEE ALVERSON TO POLAND FOR TECHNICAL TALKS IN NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT IN CANADIAN VIEW

THIS SEEMS TO UNDER CUT POSITION OPPOSING BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS WITH POLAND UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE
LOS CONFERENCE.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: FROM EMBASSY'S VIEWPOINT,
CLOSE COORDINATION WITH CANADA ON QUESTION OF POLISH
FISHERY PLANS IN PACIFIC WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT
FOR USE IN SUBSEQUENT TALKS WITH CANADIAN
EMBASSY WARSAW ON THIS SUBJECT, AND ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT
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